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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ON LEBANON

1. LEBANESE EVENTS RECEIVE LIGHT COVERAGE IN CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 7 WITH EXCEPTION AKBAR AL YOM WHICH LINKS ALLEGED SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM GOLAN FOR DUTY IN LEBANON AND RABIN'S DAVAR INTERVIEW EXPRESSING "SATISFACTION" WITH SYRIAN ACTIONS IN LEBANON.

2. SYRIAN-ISRAELI CONTACT THRU U.S. - AKBAR AL-YOM, CITING NEWS AGENCIES FROM TEL AVIV, SAYS "ISRAELI GOVT SOURCES" CLARIFIED RABIN'S STATEMENT ABOUT SYRIAN ARMY STAYING AWAY FROM ISRAELI BORDER BY SAYING THERE ARE CONTACTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA THROUGH U.S. DEPT OF STATE.

3. FRANCE. AHAM REPORTS THAT DEPUTY CHIEF PLO POL DEPT SAID KAMAL RETURNED FROM PARIS AUG 6 CARRYING MESSAGE FROM FRENCH FORMIN TO ARAFAT. SAID KAMAL STATED THAT FRANCE AFFIRMS THERE CAN BE NO ME SETTLEMENT WITHOUT RESOLUTION OF (A) PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND ESTABLISHMENT PALESTINIAN ENTITY; AND (B) LEBANESE CRISIS ON BASIS LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE, UNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY.

4. AHAM EDITORIAL REITERATES STANDARD GOE LINE THAT SYRIAN-FRANJIYA CHAMOUN "CONSPIRACY" AIMS AT PARTITION OF LEBANON AND LIQUIDATION OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE. COORDINATION OF OBJECTIVES
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THIS AXIS WITH ISRAELI OBJECTIVES HAS BECOME CLEAR WHICH IS CAUSE

OF GOL ECONOMY MINISTER ADIL USAYRAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS INTENTION
TO CALL EMERGENCY AL MEETING TO DISCUSS ISRAELI
ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.
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